

Barrs Court Primary Newsletter

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This week, the Red Area buzzed with extra excitement as we welcomed 8 adorable chicks! The children have been engrossed in learning about life cycles, and what better way to enhance this lesson than observing the hatching process first-hand. They've been fascinated watching the chicks emerge from their eggs and grow stronger each day. While the chicks will spend the weekend with the teachers, don't worry, they'll be back next week!

Meanwhile, in Green Area, our focus has been on understanding the origins of our food. This week was particularly special as the children had the opportunity to engage in hands-on baking and cooking. They skilfully prepared an array of dishes including bread, focaccia, salads, pakoras, and ratatouille, to name a few. The children attempted to master various cooking techniques and learned the art of safe chopping. Their delicious creations and new found skills have left them with no excuses when it comes to cooking dinner at home!

Over in Blue Area, the students have been enthusiastically working on crafting their unique alternative endings to Ted Hughes' 'The Iron Man.' Their creativity and storytelling skills have really stood out this week. Reception had a rather lovely visit from a storyteller, sparking imagination and joy in both classes.

We have one week to go until our annual quiz night - tables are selling fast so get in touch with the school office to book a table. It is always a great night and all the proceeds go back into the school and you might even win a prize!!

The PTFA who do so much for the school and community are looking for new members. If you would like to find out more about what being a member of the PTFA entails then please speak to me on the gate, email PTFA@barrscourtps.org.uk or speak to a current member of the team. It is a great way to make a difference and it's fun.



Parking



An article was publish on the week in website

In response to a plea for help from Barrs Court Primary School concerning problems with parents blocking neighbouring driveways at drop-off and pick-up times, Oldland Parish Council has purchased some 'Parking Buddies' signs.

The four signs are being put in Stephens Drive at the start and end of the school day to discourage motorists from parking on the pavement. They are personalised with the school's logo and advise motorists 'No stopping here' and 'Keep clear'.

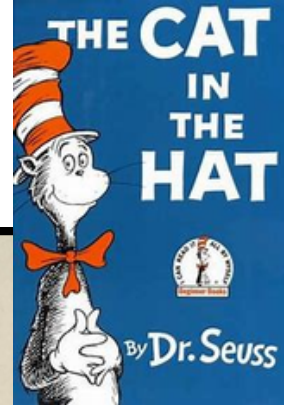
The parish council used Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to pay for the signs. CIL is a charge levied by local authorities on new development in their area and can be used to fund a wide range of community facilities.

Headteacher Daniel Webster thanked the parish council for their support and said the children love their new buddies.

People living opposite the school have also welcomed the new signs.

I WANT MY HAT BACK

JON KLASSEN



Librarian Competition

Exciting news!

Our fantastic school Librarians are launching a competition for all our book lovers.



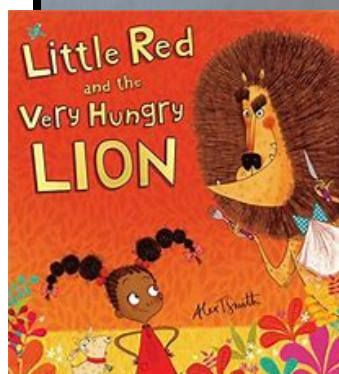
The challenge?

Design a brand-new front cover for your favourite book!

Unleash your creativity and use any art materials you have at home to bring your vision to life. Make sure to fill the entire space provided on the back of this form and don't forget to write your name and class at the bottom.

This is your chance to reinvent how the world sees your beloved book. Let your creativity flow and show us your artistic flair!

Entries must be handed to the class teacher by Friday 2nd February



Parent and Carer Courses

Click [here](#) for other courses

Bookable Events

Online and In-person workshops

SGPC produce and host a range of workshops and information sessions to help support local Parents and Carers navigate the complexities of SEND parenting. Check out what we have available for you currently.

[Read More](#)



Drop In Support

Support Groups for Parent Carers

Our support sessions are a haven for Parents and Carers to take time for themselves, gain information and chat to others who are on similar journeys. Come along for a cuppa, chat and face to face support at our community base in Kingswood or attend one of our evening support sessions.

[Read More](#)



Little Treasures

Stay and Play Groups

Weekly stay and play sessions for families of Early Years children (0-5).

[Read More](#)





South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) is the local parent carer forum working to represent and support parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in South Gloucestershire.



Our 360° Outreach Project supports schools and families working together to build a picture of the “whole child” and better understand the child’s needs, at home and at school.

- ✓ Free workshops for parents
- ✓ Helping you support your child’s needs
- ✓ Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to attend



Mon, 29 Jan 1:15pm

Book now
with this
code:
SNOWDROP



Coming up in Term 4

- A 360° Approach to Demand Avoidance with Claire Phillips
- A 360° Approach Neurodiversity Identity and Wellbeing with Dean Beadle



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sgpc.community



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PTFA EVENTS

BARRS COURT PRIMARY PTFA'S

UPCOMING

events

2024

FEB/
MARCH

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

DETAILS ARE OUT
NOW

**5
JULY**

**END OF YEAR DISCO &
FAMILY BBQ/INFLATABLES**

Further details TBC

**15
MARCH**

SCHOOL DISCO

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 &
YEAR 2: 4:00-5:00
YEARS 3-6: 5:00-6:00
TICKETS GO ON SALE
SOON.

**TBC
OCT**

HALLOWEEN DISCO

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS
DISCO
RECEPTION: 3:30 - 4:00
YEARS 1 & 2: 4:00 - 5:00
YEARS 3 - 6: 5:00 - 6:00

**TBC
APRIL**

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Date and further details
TBC

**30
NOV**

WINTER FAIR

Further details TBC

**TBC
MAY**

FAMILY BINGO

Date and further details
TBC

**22
FEB**

PTFA MEETING

17:30 - 18:30/18:45

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

JUNE

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

Further details TBC

**18
APRIL**

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17:30 - 18:30/18:45

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL STEPHENS DRIVE, LONGWELL
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Friday 2nd February - Green Area to Life Skills Centre
- Friday 2nd February - NSPCC Number Day
- Friday 2nd February - Quiz Night @ 6pm
- Monday 5th - Friday 9th - Year 6 Residential
- Tuesday 6th February - Safe Internet Day
- Friday 9th February - End of term 3
- Monday 19th February - First Day of Term 4
- Thursday 22nd February - PTFA meeting @ 5:30pm
- Friday 23rd February - Road Safety Workshops (Yr 2 and 4)
- Wednesday 6th March - Red Area trip to SS Great Britain
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th - Parent/carers Evening
- Friday 15th March - School Disco
- Thursday 28th March - End of Term 4
- Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th - Year 4 Residential
- Tuesday 15th May - Thursday 16th - Year 6 SATs

Next year term dates can be found on the website - Click [here](#)



Swimming

Well done to all the children who have represented the school this week. We are proud of all of you. More details can be found on the Facebook page



Boccia



Padel



KS1 Games



Curling

Any missing events will be in next weeks newsletter